



# County of Fairfax, Virginia

## NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME ALERT!

February 2008



### Don't Be a Victim!

### Chomp Down on Burglary!



Dear Neighbor:

Residential break-ins are on the rise in the Sully District. We continue to have among the lowest burglary rates in the county, but we're seeing an increase over this time last year. Burglaries are primarily crimes of opportunity. The majority of burglaries happen during daytime hours when residents are at work. Criminals prefer to break into homes that are easily accessible and avoid homes where crime prevention measures have been taken to better secure the residence. There are many things you can do both individually and as a community to lower the risk of being burglarized. Taking a few extra steps in securing your home can help you "***Chomp Down on Burglary.***"

- ◆ Lock all of your doors, even when you are home.
- ◆ Lock all of your windows. Use the safety locks if your windows are equipped with them.
- ◆ Close your garage door, even when you are home.
- ◆ Secure the door from the garage into the house. Always treat it as an exterior door.
- ◆ Illuminate your home! Use exterior lights at night to illuminate around your house.
- ◆ Use timers on your lights to give the appearance you are home, even if you are gone.
- ◆ Keep shrubbery around your home trimmed low and trees pruned high.
- ◆ Talk to your neighbors! Watch out for each other's property. Crime knows no boundaries.

**The elimination of crimes committed against property and residents must be a cooperative effort. The residents and police working together can help deter crime in your neighborhood.**

If you need more assistance, or would like to schedule a **FREE HOME SECURITY CHECK**, please contact the Sully District Crime Prevention Office at 703-814-7018.

**To Report Crime Call:**  
**9-1-1** (Emergency)  
**703-691-2131** (Non-Emergency)  
**1-866-411-TIPS** (Crime Solvers)

# **CRIME SOLVERS**

**Report information anonymously to  
police for cash rewards.**

**24-hour TIPS Line 1-866-411-TIPS**



**FREE Home Security Checks by Police**  
Call 703-814-7018